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- 1910 took over family textile plant, Lisieux (Calva
1914-1919 cavalry & artillery officer dos)
legion of honor; war cross
1919 mayor of his commune
1932 Deputy from Lisieux, Conservative Republican
replaced father who had post since 1896
Specialist in economic & financial matters in
Chamber of Deputies
1940 Under-secretary of state--finance (Reynaud)

Charter member, National Resistance Council
1945 & 1946 vice-president of first and second
constituant assemblies
1946 one of founders of the Republican Party of
Freedom (PRL) (conservative)
Vice-President of PRL and president of its
parliamentary group
Party spokesman, particularly on economic and
financial questions
1948 Undersecretary for Financial and Economic Aff's
1951 Minister of State
1951 When most PRL deputies joined RPF, Laniel
became Independent.
Had had ambition to make PRL a great conservative
party in the British manner.
Minister in Left-Center Faure Cabinet
Most conservative of candidates to date for premier-
ship in current crisis
Auriol reportedly picked him to demonstrate impracti-
cability of right-center majority at present
Mathematically possible for him to form right-center
coalition with fraction of MRP support. Does
not seem likely, given present temper of assembly.

Possible next choice: Edgar Faure or Henri Queuille,
both Radical Socialists, former premiers, either
has good chance of success